

Barbara Landers Bowles
Chairperson, Fisk University Board of Trustees

In 2007, Barbara Landers Bowles retired as Vice Chair of Profit Investment Management where she managed its midcap portfolios. After an illustrious career in the investment management arena, she left to pursue her longtime goal of establishing and funding the Landers Bowles Family Foundation that focuses on charity related to education. Through the foundation, she continues to challenge HBCU students to “be all that they can be.” She believes that because they see for themselves what can be achieved with few resources, they recognize that there are no real boundaries.

She was the founder and served as Chief Executive Officer of The Kenwood Group, Inc. from 1989 until it was acquired by Profit in January of 2006. From 1984 to 1989, Bowles served as Corporate Vice President of Kraft, Inc. and headed the investor relations department.

Bowles holds a B.A. degree in Mathematics with Honors from Fisk University and a M.B.A. degree in Finance from the Booth School of Business, University of Chicago. Later, she received her Chartered Financial Analyst designation (CFA). She serves as a Corporate Director of Wisconsin Energy Corporation and Hospira Inc. She also is a Director of the Museum of Science and Industry, the Council of the Booth School of Business, University of Chicago and is a Senior Director of the Chicago Urban League.

She has received numerous honors including HistoryMakers and Alumni of the Year Award from the African American MBA Association of the University of Chicago. Barbara and her husband, Earl, are residents of Chicago.